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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty to disclose under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits herewith information for consideration by the Examiner. The submission of this information is only for the purpose of providing a complete record, and is not intended to be construed as an admission that the information antedates the claimed invention, or as an admission that the information is material to patentability, or relevant or analogous to the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the Applicant reserves the right to establish an invention date earlier than filing date of the claimed invention, and the right to establish that the information is not material to patentability, or relevant or analogous to the claimed invention. Also this submission shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made, or that there exists no other information as defined by 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

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The Applicant has now received the following prior art references:

U. S. Patent No. 4,106,167 (Luc Penelope Jane Vesey)
Dated: 15 August 1978

WO 95 26254 (Norsk Hydro AS; Midling Ole Terje ; Morley Edward James)
Dated: 5 October 1995

WO 93 10935 (Welding Inst.)
Dated: 10 June 1993

EP 0 423 433 (IBM)
Dated: 24 April 1991

EP 0 302 954 (Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha)
Dated: 15 February 1989

Jones G., "ND:YAG Lasers an Introduction To the Technology and Its Applications", Sheet Metal Industries, Vol. 72, No. 5, May, 1995, Pages 9-12.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form 1449.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted before the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits. No fee is due.



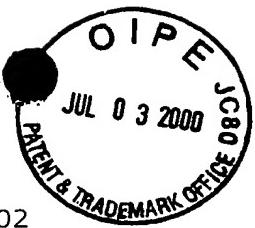
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Authorization is hereby given to charge any necessary fees in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 04-2219. Referencing our Case No. C36465.

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